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**The Department of Housing and Community Development Awards
\$73.9 Million in Proposition 46 Funds to Create Housing Opportunities
in the San Francisco Bay Area**

(San Francisco) – On behalf of Business, Transportation and Housing Agency

Secretary, Sunne Wright McPeak, California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Acting Director Judy Nevis today announced over \$73.9 million in Proposition 46 funds to Bay Area counties. The awards provide funding for new housing opportunities for more than 1,000 of California's hardworking families and neediest residents. Proposition 46 is the \$2.1 billion housing bond approved by voters in November 2002.

"Gov. Schwarzenegger is committed to making affordable housing a reality for all Californians," said Secretary McPeak. "Today's awards will help families achieve the dream of an affordable home and will support local economies with construction related activities and the jobs they create."

Awards were made through the following HCD programs:

- \$68.2 million in awards through the Multifamily Housing Program will provide permanent low-interest loans for the construction of new affordable apartment homes and rehabilitation of existing affordable units. Californians who make up the vital workforce that is the backbone of our economy and their families, seniors, the disabled, homeless and those transitioning from homelessness, are among the future residents of the homes that will be constructed or rehabilitated. The awards will help 846 California families or individuals realize the dream of an affordable rental home.
- \$2.8 million in CalHome Program awards to local governments and non-profit organizations to promote homeownership opportunities for first-time homebuyers through the acquisition of new or resale homes. CalHome also provides funds to allow lower income families, including the elderly, to become homeowners or remain in their homes through the rehabilitation of their existing homes. These awards will help 62 families realize this dream.
- \$2.6 million through the CalHome Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods Program (BEGIN), which makes grants to cities and counties that have reduced regulatory barriers to the construction of new, affordable ownership housing. Barriers can include such constraints as minimum lot or floor area sizes that make housing more expensive. The grants are for down payment assistance loans to low- and moderate-income first-time buyers of 88 homes in BEGIN projects.

- \$300,000 through the CalHome Self-Help Technical Assistance Allocation (CHSHTAA) which awards funds for activities such as construction supervision and training, site and house plan selection, homeownership training and help with building permits and inspections for the development of 34 homes for low or very low income households using the hands-on self-help method of building their own homes.

“The awards announced today will provide California’s essential workforce and their families the safe and affordable housing they urgently need to live and work in their communities,” said Acting Director Nevis. “Local communities which remove regulatory barriers to the production of affordable ownership housing are also rewarded,” said Acting Director Nevis.

HCD provides leadership, policies and programs to preserve and expand safe and affordable housing opportunities and promote strong communities for all Californians. The Department also supports increasing the supply of housing, especially affordable housing and works to improve the state’s housing conditions and the health and safety of its residents. As the lead housing department, HCD is part of the state Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.

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Multifamily Housing Program (MHP)
Total Funds Awarded in San Francisco/Bay Area Region

Project County	Project City	Project Name	Sponsor Name	Total Amount of Awards	Total Homes
Alameda	Berkeley	Allston House	Affordable Housing Associates	\$2,175,558	47
Alameda	Oakland	Altenheim Senior Housing	New Altenheim Partners, L.P. (Citizens Housing Corporation)	\$6,085,773	81
Contra Costa	Walnut Creek	Villa Vasconcellos	Resources for Community Development	\$4,939,154	70
Marin	Mill Valley	The Fireside Apartments	Fireside Affordable Housing Assoc. L.P.	\$4,882,222	50
San Francisco	San Francisco	10th and Mission Family Housing	Mercy Housing California	\$10,500,000	137
San Francisco	San Francisco	Alabama Street Family Apartments	Alabama Street Housing Associates, a California Limited Partnership (Alabama Street Development Corporation)	\$10,150,000	93
San Francisco	San Francisco	Alabama Street Senior Housing	Alabama Street Housing, L.P. (Citizens Housing Corporation)	\$3,286,488	24
San Francisco	San Francisco	The Salvation Army Tenderloin Housing and Community Center	The Salvation Army, a California corporation	\$7,000,000	113
San Francisco	San Francisco	Hotel Essex	Community Housing Partnership and Mercy Housing California	\$7,000,000	84
San Francisco	San Francisco	650 Eddy Street Housing	Community Housing Partnership	\$7,000,000	83

MHP Awards – San Francisco and Bay Area continued:

Santa Clara	San Jose	Edenvale Supportive Housing	Eden Housing	\$1,766,162	15
Sonoma	Santa Rosa	The Crossings at Santa Rosa	Heritage Community Housing, Inc.	\$3,429,900	49

TOTAL:	\$68,215,257	846
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CalHome Program
Total Funds Awarded in San Francisco/Bay Area Region

Program County	Program City	Recipient	Total Amount of Awards	Total Homes
San Francisco	San Francisco	City and County of San Francisco	\$750,000	10
Santa Clara	San Jose	City of San Jose	\$750,000	10
Santa Clara and Alameda		Neighborhood Housing Services Silicon Valley	\$750,000	25
Sonoma		Burbank Housing Development Corporation	\$500,000	17

TOTAL:	\$2,750,000	62
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CalHome Building Equity & Growth in Neighborhoods (BEGIN) Total Funds Awarded in San Francisco/Bay Area Region

Project County	Project City	Project Name	Sponsor Name	Total Amount of Awards	Total Homes
Santa Clara	Campbell	Campbell Avenue LLC	City of Campbell	\$1,200,000	40
Santa Clara	San Jose	The Works	City of San Jose	\$420,000	14
Santa Clara	San Jose	Alma Gardens	City of San Jose	\$510,000	17
Sonoma	Windsor	Los Amigos Self Help Homes	Town of Windsor	\$510,000	17

TOTAL:	\$2,640,000	88
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**CalHome Program
Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Allocation
Total Funds Awarded**

Project County	Project City	Project Name	Sponsor - Name	Total Amount of Awards	Total Homes
Sonoma	Sonoma	Wild Flower Project	Burbank Housing Development Corporation	\$300,000	34

TOTAL:

\$300,000

34

		Total All Homes
Grand Total Awarded to the San Francisco and Bay Area Region	\$73,905,257	1,030